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Police arrest father for 'killing' daughter

EBNONYI State Police Command yesterday confirmed the arrest of a 30-year-old man, alleged to have killed his two-year-old daughter, on his farm.

Spokesperson Loveth Odah told News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Abakaliki that the body had been taken to Mgbo Hospital mortuary.

She said investigation has begun.

Odah said the suspect, an indigene of Ukwu-Agba Mgbo in Ohaukwu Local Government, would be arraigned.

"The act is condemnable and more regrettable is the high rate of brutal killings in Ebonyi State.

"The suspect will soon be arraigned. The command will bring to book, perpetrators of heinous acts," she said.

A source close to the fam-

ily told NAN that the suspect killed his daughter on his farm on September 6 and the act was detected by a good neighbour.

"He reported the matter to

Ohaukwu Police Division, which arrested the man and recovered the girl's body.

"The family and community suspect the act was for ritual purposes, because he

used his machete to cut the girl's right leg.

"The act shocked and threw the community into mourning, as it was its first time of witnessing such an act," he said.

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The accused, according to the charge sheet, allegedly committed the offences contrary to sections 12 and 15 of the Chiefs Law Cap C5 Vol 1 Laws of Ekiti State 2012.

The prosecution counsel is the officer-in-charge of the Legal Department, Ekiti State Police Command, Mr. Femi Falade. The defence counsel is Mr. Taiwo Ogunmoroti.

Chief Olubunmi Olugbade held brief for the nominal complainant (the Alawe).

Under cross-examination from Falade, the witness, Olowoyeye, when confronted with his sworn affidavit, told the court that he

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